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FOCUS Fund Endowment

In 2011, the Community Foundation completed its first year of grantmaking from the FOCUS Fund, awarding a total \$10,000 to help local organizations meet their unanticipated needs for funding. Our grants were focused on offering a unique funding source to address unanticipated, emergency needs of organizations. The focus of funding was not necessarily for regular programming costs, but instead to help address an emergency situation, such as when a crucial piece of equipment has failed and needs replacing so the organization can provide services, that a regular income source in unexpectedly no longer available, that a unique situation has created a bigger than expected demand for services, that a truck used by a food pantry to deliver/pick up food needs repair so the pantry can continue business, etc.

With this in mind, the following grants were awarded in 2011, as \$1:\$1 matching grants.

Advent Lutheran Community Baby Pantry	\$1,200	Provide supplies for pantry for Dec/Jan; increased created a shortage
Alden Men's Club	\$1,500	Provide funding to pantries supported by club
Benzie Area Christian Neighbors	\$2,250	Support need for heating assistance due to lost income for the 2011/12 season
Family Partnership	\$750	Support program during transition period
Good Samaritan Services	\$300	Match of Ellsworth Lioness Club's support for Good Samaritan food pantry
No. MI Helping Hands	\$1,000	Support replacement of computer systems
Paraklesis Inc/PEACE Ranch	\$500	Support purchase of new laptop for organization
Traverse Health Clinic	\$2,500	For depleted fund for urgent medications for patients

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